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ATTACHMENT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS
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2. (Twice Amended) A motor vehicle frame assembly having a first tubular frame member [for absorbing energy in the event of a collision], and a structural member disposed in the first tubular frame member, the structural member comprising:

a generally tubular body having an outer perimeter [complimentary] complementary to an inner perimeter of [said] the first tubular frame member, [said] the tubular body being disposed within [said] the first tubular frame member to [locally] increase the movement of inertia of the first tubular frame member; and

at least one rib disposed in [said] the tubular body;
wherein [said] the frame assembly further includes a second tubular frame member intersecting the first tubular frame member to form a joint and [said] the structural member is located in [said] the first tubular frame member at [said] the joint.

3. Cancelled.

4. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 2, wherein [said] the structural member is constructed of aluminum.

5. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 2, wherein [said] the structural member is constructed of steel.

6. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 2, wherein [said] the structural member is extruded.

7. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 2, wherein [said]

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the structural member is machined.

8. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 2, wherein [said] the structural member is fixedly attached to [said] the first tubular frame member.

9. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 8, wherein [said] the structural member is fixedly attached by an interference fit.

10. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 8, wherein [said] the structural member is fixedly attached by adhesive.

11. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 8, wherein [said] the structural member is fixedly attached by fasteners.

12. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 8, wherein [said] the structural member is fixedly attached by external depressions.

13. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 2, wherein [said] the tubular body has a length and [said ribs extend] the rib extends the length of [said] the tubular body.

14. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 2, wherein [said ribs are] the rib is orientated generally horizontally.

15. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 2, wherein [said ribs are] the rib is orientated generally vertically.

16. (Twice Amended) The motor vehicle frame assembly of Claim 2, wherein [said ribs are] the at least one rib comprises multiple ribs orientated in an intersecting pattern.